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JOHNSON TRIP (170)

JOHNSON CITY, TEX., APRIL 12 (AP)-PRESIDENT JOHNSON, SLIGHTLY DELAYED BY FOG, HEADED BACK TO WASHINGTON TODAY AFTER A BUSY WEEKEND AT HIS TEXAS RANCH.

THE BIG PRESIDENTIAL JET BEARING JOHNSON AND SOME OF HIS GUESTS WAS OFF AT 8:51 A.M. EST FROM BERGSTROM AIR FORCE BASE, SOARING UP INTO A LOW OVERCAST.

ORIGINAL PLANS HAD CALLED FOR A HELICOPTER TRIP FROM THE LBJ RANCH TO THE AIR BASE BUT FOG IN THE RANCH AREA CALLED THAT OFF TEMPORARILY.

THE PRESIDENT FIRST SET OUT BY AUTOMOBILE, THEN DECIDED CONDITIONS WOULD PERMIT FLYING AFTER ALL, AND TURNED BACK TO BOARD THE CHOPPER FOR THE 65-MILE TRIP.

AT BERGSTROM THE PARTY QUICKLY WENT ABOARD THE BIG PLANE AND TOOK OFF.

MRS. JOHNSON AND DAUGHTER LYNDIA BIRD REMAINED BEHIND, REPORTEDLY INTENDING TO STAY AT THE RANCH INTO THE EASTER WEEKEND. THAT SUGGESTED JOHNSON HIMSELF IS LIKELY TO GO BACK LATER IN THIS WEEK.

AMONG THOSE ON BOARD WERE VICE ADM. WILLIAM F. RABORN JR., WHOSE APPOINTMENT AS NEW DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY WAS ANNOUNCED HERE ONLY YESTERDAY. ALSO WITH THE PRESIDENT WERE CONGRESS MEMBERS WHO WERE ON HAND FOR JOHNSON'S BILL SIGNING SESSION YESTERDAY. THE GROUP INCLUDED REP. CARL ALBERT OF OKLAHOMA, HOUSE DEMOCRATIC LEADER; SEN. EUGENE MCCARTHY, D-MINN., AND REP. JAKE PICKLE, DEMOCRATIC HOUSE MEMBER FROM JOHNSON'S HOME DISTRICT.

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